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TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant art along with the Form PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. PCT International Publication No. WO 96/11350 published by WIPO on April 18, 1996;
- B. UK Patent Application No. GB 2 021 237 published by the UK Patent Office on November 28, 1979;
- C. European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 126 385 published by the EPO on November 28, 1984;
- D. United States Patent No. 5,307,837 issued to Woltz et al. on May 3, 1994;
- E. European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 271 030 published by the EPO on January 2, 2003;
- F. United States Patent No. 5,263,684 issued to McGuire on November 23, 1993;
- G. German Patent Application Publication No. DE 3927611 published by the German Patent Office on September 20, 1990;

- H. European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 654 628 published by the EPO on May 24, 1995;
- I. United States Patent No. 5,203,373 issued to Austin, Jr. et al. on April 20, 1993;
- J. PCT International Publication No. WO 94/10486 published by WIPO on May 11, 1994;
- K. European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 333 452 published by the EPO on December 1, 1993; and
- L. Patent Abstracts of Japan No. JP 2001-295337 published by the Japanese Patent Office on October 26, 2001.

The above-listed prior arts A through E are cited in the International Search Report completed on August 3, 2004 and issued to PCT Application No. PCT/EP2004/003763 upon which the above-identified U.S. application is filed. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed. Though the prior art C is not in the English language, the Search Report is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of As and Ys along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance for this non-English language prior art is satisfied and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein.

The above-listed prior arts F and H, which are in English, and prior art G, which is not in English, are cited in the specification of the above-identified U.S. application and a concise explanation of the relevance of each one of these prior art is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). Nonetheless, an English language abstract of the prior art G is attached to the copy thereof.

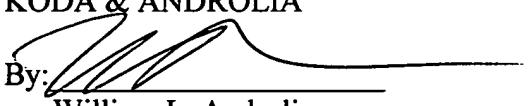
The above prior arts I, J, K, and L are cited in the Office Action issued by the German Patent Office to the German Patent Application No. 103 15 926.6, which is the basic application to the above-identified U.S. patent application (PCT/EP2004/003763).

It is, therefore, hereby respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of this relevant art and consider it during the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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